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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/612,783
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Sir:

The following document is forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action mailed March 1, 2010.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. In the event that any extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Additionally, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.288.

Respectfully submitted,



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